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Draft decisions submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Draft decision I
Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev. 1, a provision of US$ 500,000 would be required for the biennium 2002-2003 under section 9, Economic and social affairs. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, this provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund. The Fifth Committee further decides to recommend to the General Assembly:

(a) To approve, in the context of the consolidated statement of the programme budget implications and revised estimates, a charge in the amount of $250,000 against the contingency fund to finance core activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, defined as the salaries and common staff costs of the four Professional posts currently in the staffing table;

(b) To decide that an amount of $250,000 will be set aside in the contingency fund for the current biennium, as an additional provision to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for core activities in 2003, which will bring the total amount to $500,000, pending firm pledges and/or payments of the voluntary contributions necessary for the viable operation of the Institute;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to report to the Fifth Committee, before the end of its resumed fifty-seventh session, on the financial situation of the

[1] A/C.5/57/24.
[2] A/57/7/Add.18.

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Institute, including the status of voluntary contributions to meet the resource requirement necessary to ensure its viability, and to consider the additional charge against the contingency fund referred to in paragraph (b) above;

(d) To note that the statement of the programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] was based on the recommendations of the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;[3]

(e) To request the Secretary-General to introduce the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women[4] to the General Assembly before the end of its resumed fifty-seventh session.

Draft decision II
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7, there would be financial implications arising from the regular budget in the biennium 2002-2003 of up to $316,600 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, $96,000 under section 27, Management and central support services, and a related amount of $43,000 under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an amount of $43,000 under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Draft decision III
Khmer Rouge trials

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[7] in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, requirements would be met from within existing resources under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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[3] See A/57/330.
[4] A/56/907.
[5] A/C.5/57/26.
[6] A/57/7/Add.19.
[7] A/C.5/57/29.
[8] A/57/7/Add.22.

Draft decision IV
Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62 on ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62, there would be financial implications arising for the regular budget in the biennium 2002-2003 of up to $95,500 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, $85,700 under section 27, Management and central support services, and a related amount of $22,000 under section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an amount of $22,000 under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Draft decision V
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002

The Fifth Committee, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002[11] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[12]

(a) Endorses the recommendations of the Secretary-General:

(i) To approve the provision of $44,700 in additional appropriations under section 22, Human rights, as a charge against the contingency fund for financing activities in respect of Economic and Social Council decision 2002/285 of 25 July 2002;

(ii) To invite the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2002/281 of 25 July 2002 with a view to ensuring that additional meetings of the Commission on Human Rights are not required in connection with its fifty-ninth session;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to provide such conference services as might be required consequent to Economic and Social Council decisions 2002/257 and 2002/281 of 25 July 2002, as reviewed, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the related expenditures in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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[9] A/C.5/57/32.
[10] A/57/7/Add.24.
[11] A/C.5/57/13 and Corr.1.
[12] A/57/7/Add.12.